Minutes from Finance Committee Meeting 3/24/2015

Chairman Wally Hess called the meeting to order at 7 PM in the Town Hall Annex. In attendance were June Michaels, Michael Hughes, Laurene Wessel and Beth Dailey. Also attending was prospective member, Melissa Tingley.

We voted unanimously to recommend the FY16 budget. We held separate votes, and voted to approve unanimously all of the following:

- 1. Revenues assumptions,
- 2. All changes in DPW expense items, including those resulting from the DPW meeting of March 18th,
- 3. The overall budget format that we will display in the voters' booklet,
- 4. STM Motions on Articles A thru H,
- 5. All Articles 5, 5A, 5B, 6, 6A, and 6B,
- 6. In ATM Motions: A, B, C, D, E, G, H, L, M, N, O,
- 7. We voted unanimously to approve changes and updates to the FinCom Report.

Next we approved the minutes of 3/3, 3/9 and 3/16/2015. All votes were unanimous.

Then we joined the Selectmen in their meeting in Conference Room A of Town Hall. Our joint meeting started just before 9 PM. We went through the agenda for the upcoming ATM with Bob Visnick, moderator. Wally presented a brief description of the budget we had passed showing categories of spending and revenues that are displayed in our Report.

Then Wally started a discussion of the list of cuts we voted so as to make the budget balance. There was much discussion on the \$25,000 cut from the Selectmen budget for the Economic Development Committee. There was confusion as to why we could not use free cash to fund the entire requested amount. Since the budget is going to print on Wednesday the 25th, we said that any change could be made only via an errata sheet. The Selectmen asked Visnick if they could make a floor motion to add the amount, and he said they could. The committee decided to try to schedule a meeting for the week of the 30th to discuss this further.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.